

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Firemen's Park Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Janet Hassall, Michal Lukac, Paisley January-Pool, Frank Fohr, Tom Mingle, John Anstruther, Sheila Deluca, Nicole White (Recreation Student), Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

Regrets:

Audrey Fraser, Carly Milani, John Brucato, Dan Cicchino, Councillor Mike Strange

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *March 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Janet Hassall that the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from March 27, 2019 meeting

a) *NS & T Line*

Committee members are invited to walk the NS & T trail with Staff. Committee members will be meeting at the MacBain Community Centre at 3:00pm. The walk will take place on Wednesday, May 29.

b) *2019 City Tree removal/replacement Information- Charlie Smith*

Deferred to June 12 Committee meeting.

c) *Committee Events/Programs Social Media- Information*

Staff informed the committee of the current social media schedule. Committee members suggested having Memorial Fund set up on the website where contributions can be made and a receipt given at the time. Staff will report back on website options at the next meeting.

d) *Tree of the Week Niagara Falls Review- Information*

Staff are to contact Teresa Forte to inquire about writing a feature on trees. Staff will report back at June meeting.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Spring Events Re-Cap- Information*

- The Community Clean Sweep event received over 250 volunteers at the event.
- The committee was also able to sell 663 seedlings during the Tree Seedling Sales Day event.
- On Arbour Day, volunteers planted 60 native trees at Chippawa Lions Park.

Suggestions are to post educational/awareness videos from committee events on social media.

b) *Upcoming Committee Spring Events*

- Ride of Silence – Wednesday, May 15 at Firemen's Park.
- Niagara Falls Schools in Bloom Visits – Thursday, June 6 starting from the MacBain Community Centre.
- Niagara Falls Schools in Bloom Ceremony – Thursday, June 13 at the Butterfly Conservatory.
- Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Awards Assessments – Thursday, July 25 starting at the MacBain Community Centre.

c) *Earth Week Sub-Committee Report, Michal Lukac*

Michal Lukac, Chair of the new Earth Week Sub-Committee reported on their first meeting. The Committee discussed the possibility of an outside organization managing the Ride of Silence event. Another consideration is to suspend the Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Awards Program for one year. These considerations will make room for the Committee to explore new event/program opportunities that align more with recent environmental trends. A further discussion will take place at an up-coming June Sub-Committee meeting.

d) *Summer Trillium Sub-Committee Report, Pat Mascarin*

Pat Mascarin, Chair of the Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Awards Program notified the committee that online nominations are now available until July 1.

4. Transportation and Trails

a) *Active Transportation Niagara Network- Information*

Both Sheila and Tom are interested in participating in the Active Transportation Niagara Network. Staff will join members who can attend on Thursday, May 30 for 4:30pm. Location TBD.

5. New Business

a) *New Beautification Program Discussion, John Brucato*

Deferred to the June 12 Committee meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 4:30 pm at MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.